(a) whether Government has finalized the plan for commissioning the new brown field project as Namrup IV under the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Corporation Ltd.;

(b) whether a declaration to this effect was made by him, at Namrup on the 26th June, 2006;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it will be commissioned;

(d) the total outlay and target set for implementation of Namrup IV during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) other steps initiated by his Ministry for better health and survivability of the Namrup unit in this global competition era?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (e) For optimal utilization of capacity of Brahamaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) plant at Namrup, the Government is exploring various options including possibility of setting up Fourth Plant in Namrup Fertilizer Complex of BVFCL based on modern technology. The details of the project are being worked out.

Sick fertilizer PSUs

†46. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several public sector chemical fertilizer production units in the country have turned near sick;

(b) if so, the number of sick units as on March, 2008;

(c) since when these units have become sick and the details thereof, unit-wise; and

(d) the policy decided to be adopted by Government to restart these sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Out of the nine Public Sector Chemical Fertilizer companies under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers, only three are presently sick and are registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act. As on March, 2008, these are Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL), Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) and Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL). The details in respect of these units are indicated in the Statement. (*See* below)

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) Pursuant to the decision taken on 12.4.2007, the feasibility of reviving the closed units of FCIL and HFCL is being examined by the Government, subject to the confirmed availability of Gas. The various options for restart of the closed units are under the active consideration of the Government.

As regards MFL which is loss making but maintaining production although below installed capacity, a financial restructuring package is under the active consideration of the Government.

Statement

Details of the sick/closed Public Sector Fertilizer Companies

I. FERTILIZER CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED (FCIL).

Date of Incorporation : 1.1.1961

Date of Re-organisation : 1.4.1978

Declared sick since : 1992

Unit-wise details of FCIL

Name of Unit	Date of commissioning	Date of shutdown	Govt. decision to close down
Sindri	1979	March, 2002	5.9.2002
Gorakhpur	1979	1990	18.7.2002
Talcher	1980	1.4.1999	18.7.2002
Ramagundam	1980	1.4.1999	18.7.2002
Korba Project	Not Commissioned	Not Applicable	30.7.2002

II. HINDUSTAN FERTILIZER CORPORATION LIMITED (HFCL).

Date of Incorporation : 1.4.1978 (By re-organisation of FCIL)

Declared sick since : 1992

Unit-wise details of FCIL

Name of Unit	Date of Commissioning	Date of shutdown	Govt. decision to close down
Barauni	1976	1999	5.9.2002
Durgapur	1974	1997	5.9.2002
Haldia Project	Not Commissioned	Not Applicable	18.7.2002

III. MADRAS FERTILIZER LIMITED

Date of Incorporation : December, 1966

Registered with BIFR since : 2007

The Company has only one unit at Manali, Chennai which is presently functioning.

Subsidy on raw materials

47. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total subsidy that Government is providing on raw materials imported in the manufacture of fertilizers in the last five years, year-wise and product-wise;

(b) the annual subsidy that Government has given to fertilizer units in the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that more than Rs. 6,000 crore dues have to be paid to various fertilizer units in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Fertilizer subsidy is released to manufacturers/importers on sale of subsidized fertilizers, as the difference between normated delivered cost of fertilizers at farm gate level and the notified selling prices of subsidized fertilizers. The subsidy, therefore, is not directly paid on imported raw materials. However, the cost of imported raw materials are included as part of normated delivered cost of fertilizers at the farm gate level.

The annual fertilizer subsidy released by Government in last five years is as below:

Years	Total subsidy disbursed (Rs. Crores)
2003-04	11835
2004-05	15779
2005-06	18299
2006-07	25952
2007-08	40338

(c) and (d) Since release of fertilizers subsidy is an ongoing process, there are always certain claims of fertilizer manufacturers/importers under process at a given point of time, which are due to be paid. The claims under process and due for payment are companywise and not specific to the state of sale/consumption of fertilizers.